

DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS # K-7358
SPO Map 12-13-19
Hundred South
Quad Murderkill
Other Frederica

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Blades Property/Dwelling
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 81 Bowers Beach Road; North Side of Road
3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Little Heaven vicinity? ☐
4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building ☒ structure ☐
 landscape ☐ district ☐ site ☐ object ☐
5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY: Residence
6. PROJECT TITLE/ REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):
SR 1 Little Heaven Interchange

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List property types:
1	CRS 2 Main Building Form	<u>dwelling</u>
0	CRS 3 Secondary Building Form	
0	CRS 4 Archaeological Site Form	
0	CRS 5 Structure (Building-Like) Form	
0	CRS 6 Structure (Land Feature) Form	
0	CRS 7 Object Form	
0	CRS 8 Landscape Elements Form	
1	CRS 9 Map Form	<u>N/A</u>
0	CRS 14 Potential District Form	

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator name: Lauren C. Archibald

Principal Investigator signature: _____

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: July 2004

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

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10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II

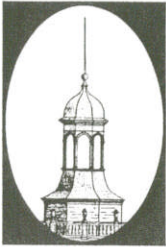
- ☐ 1600-1750∇ Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730∇ Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770∇ Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830∇ Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880∇ Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☐ 1880-1940∇ Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☒ 1940-1960∇ Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 81 Bowers Beach Road; North Side of Road
2. FUNCTION(S): historic Residence current Residence
3. YEAR BUILT: 1960 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: _____
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Ranch
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐
if moved, from where other location's CRS # year

list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year
a. _____
b. _____
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
 - a. Overall shape: Rectangular Stories: 1
Additions: n/a
 - b. Structural system (if known): Frame
 - c. Foundation: materials: Concrete block
basement: full ☒ partial ☐ not visible ☐ no basement ☐
 - d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Vinyl
 - e. Roof: shape: Hipped
materials: Asphalt shingles
cornice: n/a
dormers: n/a
chimney: location(s): Interior, off center
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
 - a. Facade: Direction: S
 - 1) Bays 6
 - 2) Windows 4
fenestration irregular
type 2 are picture windows, 2 paired, 1/1
trim vinyl
shutters screw on

Facade (cont'd)

- 3) Door(s) 1
 location off center
 type single leaf
 trim vinyl
 4) Porch(es) n/a

b. Side: Direction: E

- 1) Bays 2
 2) Windows
 fenestration 5 continuous ribbon windows
 type cannot see
 trim n/a
 shutters n/a
 3) Door(s) 1
 location off center
 type single leaf
 trim vinyl
 4) Porch(es) n/a

c. Side: Direction: W

- 1) Bays 2
 2) Windows 2
 fenestration irregular
 type 1/1
 trim vinyl
 shutters n/a
 3) Door(s) n/a
 location n/a
 type n/a
 trim n/a
 4) Porch(es) n/a

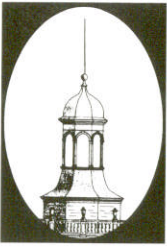
d. Rear: Direction: N

- 1) Bays 6
 2) Windows 6
 fenestration irregular
 type 4 are 1/1 fixed; 2 are 1/1 paired; double hung, sash-type
 trim vinyl
 shutters n/a
 3) Door(s) n/a
 location n/a
 type n/a
 trim n/a
 4) Porch(es) n/a

9. INTERIOR:

10. LANDSCAPING: Prominent wood fence, solid type, on east side of house; this screens east wall, rear yard; there is a utility shed, no photo possible, no good view of north wall of house.

11. OTHER COMMENTS:



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM

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1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 81 Bowers Beach Road, South Murderkill Hundred, Kent County

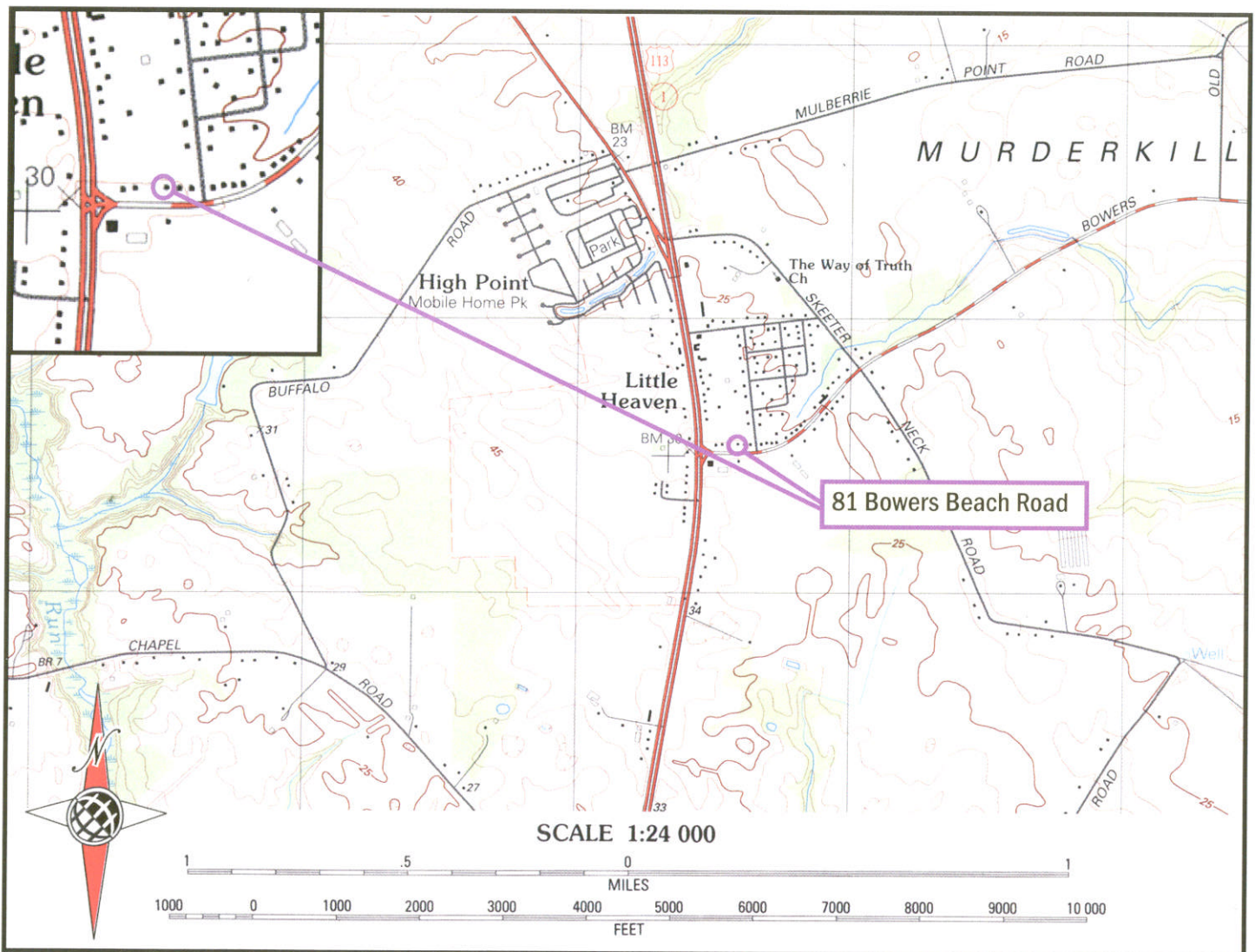
2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION ☐ reason: _____

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)

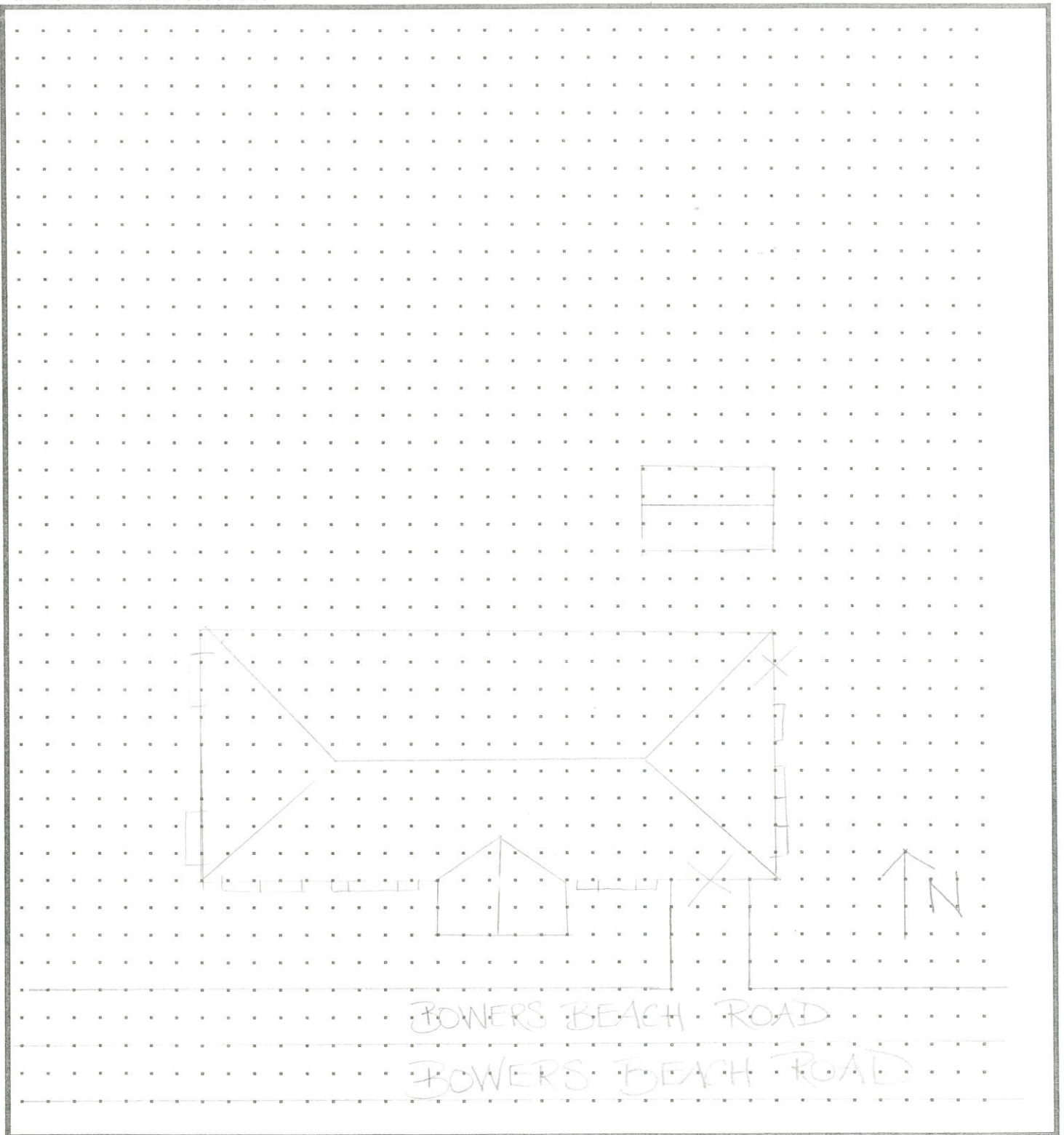
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4. SITE PLAN:

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INDICATE NORTH ON PLAN



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Blades Property

General Description. The Blades Property at 81 Bowers Beach Road includes a one-story ranch dwelling house (ca. 1960) which sits amidst a landscape lawn on the north side of Bowers Beach Road in Kent County, Delaware. At the east side of the house is wood fencing which screens the eastern wall of the house as well as the rear yard. A modern utility shed is located north of the dwelling in the rear yard.

Main Building. The one-story ranch dwelling house was constructed around 1960, is rectilinear in shape, and is covered by a shallow hipped roof. The frame walls of the dwelling, which are clad in vinyl siding, rest on a concrete foundation. A gable front portico shelters the entrance door and a paired window near the center of the façade (south elevation). Overall, the fenestration at the south elevation is paired window, picture window, door, paired window, picture window, and metal overhead garage door. Vinyl screw-on shutters flank the window openings.

The side (east and west) elevations each have two, symmetrically placed one-over-one windows which are flanked by vinyl screw-on shutters.

A brick chimney emerges from the northern slope of the asphalt shingle-clad roof. The rear elevation has six window openings, four of which are one-over-one fixed sash. Two of the windows are one-over-one paired double-hung sash.

Outbuildings/Garages. There is a modern utility shed that was behind a fence and was not accessible.

Historical Background. The property located at 81 Bowers Beach Road, in Little Heaven, Delaware, dates from ca. 1960. On June 2, 1930, the Associated Reality Corporation sold the property along with "...all singular buildings, improvements, and fixtures" to Charles W. Baker (KCDB V13: 20). On May 29, 1947, Charles W. Baker sold the property containing 54,500.0 square feet along with "...all singular buildings, improvements, and fixtures" to William S. Conley for \$700 (KCDB B18: 49). On January 4, 1954, William S. Conley sold the property to Ralph and Rebecca Blades (KCDB G20: 483). On March 12, 1990, Ralph and Rebecca Blades conveyed the property containing along with "...the improvements thereon erected" to Ralph Blades (KCDB Z47: 23). On May 28, 1993, Ralph Blades conveyed the property along with "...the improvements thereon erected" to Holly M. Evans (KCDB C53: 171). On November 17, 1997, Holly M. Evans sold the property to Daniel Evans (KCDB 307: 132). On September 27, 1999, sold the property containing .63 acres to Constance A. Conley for \$94,500 (KCDB 331: 248).

Evaluation. The Blades Property is recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it does not meet the eligibility criteria established by the National Park Service (NPS 1997). While the Blades Property retains a dwelling house representative of mid-twentieth-century residential architecture, property-specific

research of the area in general did not reveal any associations between the Blades Property and significant events or trends in local, state, or national history. Likewise, research did not reveal any associations with significant individuals; therefore, the property is recommended not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The dwelling house does not display notable characteristics of a type, style, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, it is recommended not eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture. Archaeological investigations have not yet been conducted on this property; therefore, the resource's eligibility under Criterion D (potential to yield information important to history or prehistory) cannot be assessed at this time.

Bibliography

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Kent County Deed Books, Kent County Courthouse, Dover, Delaware.

National Park Service (NPS)

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